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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food Safety and Inspection Service

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Codex Alimentarius Commission: Meeting of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary for Food Safety, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Office of Nutrition, Labeling, and Dietary Supplements are sponsoring a public meeting on October 27, 2015. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information and receive public comments on agenda items and draft United States (U.S.) positions to be discussed at the 37th Session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CODEX). The Session will be held in Bad Soden am Taunus, Germany November 23-27, 2015. The Under Secretary for Food Safety and the FDA recognize the importance of providing

interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on the 37th Session of the CCNFSDU and to address items on the agenda.

DATES: The public meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2015 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The public meeting will take place at the Harvey Wiley Building, United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), 5100 Paint Branch Parkway, Room 1A002, College Park, MD, 20740.

Documents related to the 37th Session of the CCNFSDU will be accessible via the Internet at the following address:

<http://www.codexalimentarius.org/meetings-reports/en/>

Leila Beker, U.S. Delegate to the 37th Session of the CCNFSDU, invites U.S. interested parties to submit their comments electronically to the following e-mail address:

CCNFSDU@fda.hhs.gov

CALL-IN NUMBER:

If you wish to participate in the public meeting for the 37th Session of the CCNFSDU by conference call, please use call-in number and participant code listed below:

Call-in Number: 1-866-650-8671

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To pre-register for this meeting, please e-mail the information listed below to the following e-mail address:

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- Your name
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE 37TH SESSION OF THE

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Codex was established in 1963 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their implementation by governments, Codex seeks to protect the health of consumers and ensure that fair practices are used in trade.

The CCNFSDU is responsible for:

- (a) Studying specific nutritional problems assigned to it by the Commission and advising the Commission on general nutrition issues;
- (b) Drafting general provisions, as appropriate, concerning the nutritional aspects of all foods
- (c) Developing standards, guidelines, or related texts for foods for special dietary uses, in cooperation with other committees where necessary

- (d) Considering, amending if necessary, and endorsing provisions on nutritional aspects proposed for inclusion Codex standards, guidelines and related texts

Issues to be discussed at the Public Meeting

The following items on the Agenda for the 37th Session of the CCNFSDU will be discussed during the public meeting:

- Proposed Draft Additional or Revised Nutrient Reference Values for Labeling Purposes in the Guidelines on Nutrition Labeling (Vitamin A,D,E, Magnesium, Phosphorus, Chromium, Copper, Chloride and Iron)
- Review of the Standard for Follow-up Formula (Codex Stan 156-1987)
- Proposed Draft Definition on Biofortification
- Proposed Draft NRV-NCD for EPA and DHA long chain omega-3 fatty acids
- Discussion Paper on Claim for “Free” of Trans Fatty Acids
- Discussion paper on a standard for ready-to-use foods (RUF)

Each issue listed will be fully described in documents distributed, or to be distributed, by the Secretariat prior to the Meeting. Members of the public may access or request copies of these documents (see ADDRESSES).

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